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H. R. 2626

To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to improve certain child nutrition programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UPTON (for himself and Mr. KIND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Farm-To-Cafeteria Projects Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANTS TO SUPPORT FARM-TO-CAFETERIA**
2 **PROJECTS.**

3 Section 12 of the Richard B. Russell National School
4 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.1760) is amended by adding at the
5 end the following:

6 “(q) GRANTS TO SUPPORT FARM-TO-CAFETERIA
7 PROJECTS.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To improve access to local
9 foods in schools and institutions receiving funds
10 under this Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966
11 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.) (other than section 17 of
12 that Act (42 U.S.C. 1786)), the Secretary shall pro-
13 vide competitive grants to nonprofit entities and
14 educational institutions to establish and carry out
15 farm-to-cafeteria projects under paragraph 2.

16 “(2) PROJECT REQUIREMENTS.—Farm-to-cafe-
17 teria projects eligible to receive assistance under this
18 subsection shall be projects designed to—

19 “(A) procure local foods from small and
20 medium-sized farms for the provision of foods
21 for school meals;

22 “(B) support nutrition education activities
23 or curriculum planning that incorporates the
24 participation of school children in farm and ag-
25 riculture education projects; and

1 “(C) develop a sustained commitment to
2 farm-to-cafeteria projects in the community by
3 linking schools, agricultural producers, parents,
4 and other community stakeholders.

5 “(3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND RELATED IN-
6 FORMATION.—

7 “(A) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—In car-
8 rying out this subsection, the Secretary may
9 provide technical assistance regarding farm-to-
10 cafeteria projects, processes, and development
11 to an entity seeking the assistance.

12 “(B) SHARING OF INFORMATION.—The
13 Secretary may provide for the sharing of infor-
14 mation concerning farm-to-cafeteria projects
15 and issues among and between government, pri-
16 vate for-profit and nonprofit groups, and the
17 public through publications, conferences, and
18 other appropriate means.

19 “(4) GRANTS.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—From amounts made
21 available to carry out this subsection, the Sec-
22 retary shall make grants to assist private non-
23 profit entities and educational institutions to es-
24 tablish and carry out farm-to-cafeteria projects.

1 “(B) MAXIMUM AMOUNT.—The maximum
2 amount of a grant provided to an entity under
3 this subsection shall be \$100,000.

4 “(C) MATCHING FUNDS REQUIREMENTS.—

5 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share
6 of the cost of establishing or carrying out
7 a farm-to-cafeteria project that receives as-
8 sistance under this subsection may not ex-
9 ceed 75 percent of the cost of the project
10 during the term of the grant, as deter-
11 mined by the Secretary.

12 “(ii) FORM.—In providing the non-
13 Federal share of the cost of carrying out a
14 farm-to-cafeteria project, the grantee shall
15 provide the share through a payment in
16 cash or in kind, fairly evaluated, including
17 facilities, equipment, or services.

18 “(iii) SOURCE.—An entity may pro-
19 vide the non-Federal share through State
20 or local government, or through private
21 sources.

22 “(D) ADMINISTRATION.—

23 “(i) SINGLE GRANT.—A farm-to-cafe-
24 teria project may be supported by only a
25 single grant under this subsection.

1 “(ii) TERM.—The term of a grant
2 made under this subsection may not exceed
3 3 years.

4 “(5) EVALUATION.—Not later than January
5 30, 2008, the Secretary shall—

6 “(A) provide for the evaluation of the
7 projects funded under this subsection; and

8 “(B) submit to the Committee on Edu-
9 cation and the Workforce of the House of Rep-
10 resentatives and the Committee on Agriculture,
11 Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report
12 on the results of the evaluation.

13 “(6) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
14 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
15 retary \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2004
16 through 2009 to carry out this subsection, to remain
17 available until expended.”.

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